4 FEBRUARY 2014

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

As part of our ‘Moving Forward’ program, Dominic, Terry and I are visiting all classrooms at least twice a week – we are really trying to keep the “line of sight” strong and continuous...and it’s great to be out of the office.

I had a Prep prep the sequence of a threading pattern “You gotta start here and this is cause ‘tis a pattern and there’s a triangle there and then a different one...”, or... I watched 22 Prep, who had been ‘Westies’ for a whole 3 days move from group work to class work, and then onto more individual work – they did this effortlessly, and when asked by their teacher, were able to tell her both what they need to do and why. Stepping Stones triple P parents program is here to give parents the support they need. From mealtime tantrums to supermarket meltdown, from bedtime battles to bullying, Stepping Stones triple P parents sort through the issues that affect families of children with disabilities.

Stepping Stones gives parents the skills they need to raise happy and confident children, manage misbehaviour and developmental issues, and prevent problems from happening in the first place. And because Stepping Stones works as a toolbox of great ideas, parents choose the tools they need for their own situation allowing them to create better relationships with their children, solve problems and become a more confident parent.

Also, Stepping Stones gives parents just the right amount of help they need, offering everything from one-off seminars and brief one-on-one sessions with a participant to detailed group programs and longer term personal support.

Stepping Stones is part of the Triple P – Positive Parenting Program, which is just one of the few with proven results. To show it works. Research shows Stepping Stones reduces child behaviour problems and lowers parent stress levels – so that everyone can enjoy life more.

Stepping Stones Triple P Sessions are available at Gladstone West State School through the Guidance Office. Please contact the school or the Guidance Office for an appointment.

PREP PARENTS – ARRIVAL AND COLLECTION OF STUDENTS

To ensure the safety of your child and for the benefit of Prep students, and need for supervision, it is required that prep parents bring children into the Prep classroom and collect from inside the classroom for the first term of prep.

First bell for students is 8:50am with all classes beginning at 9am.

CLASS PHOTOS 2014 – DATE CLAIMER

Class photo day is on 5th and 6th March.

For further information call Maree Offord – 0409 443 365 (Year 3 – 6) or 0409 333 405 (Prep – 2) on the school phone.

Students who are not present on the dates listed above will have a ‘family’ photo taken by the photographer.

If you do not return your envelope by 9th March please contact the school office. Envelopes are not to be touched by anyone except parents/care givers.

CHILDREN IN THE YEAR 3/4 CLASS

Students need to attend school five (5) days a week. All absences must be explained. A phone call to the school absence line 4979 7396 is a note as soon as the student returns is welcomed. Parent support is appreciated.

All year 4 students are required to bring their own stationary to school.

Please contact the school office on 4979 7396 if your child is unable to attend school.

STUDENT PAYMENTS

In the past two weeks we have sent out invoices for Swimming and the Year 6/7 Brisbane Camp. We understand that some families may have difficulties paying without due dates. If this is the case for you, please talk to our Business Services Manager Mrs Kenzie Hamilton who will arrange a payment plan that suits your circumstances.

P-10 Literacy and Numeracy Indicators and Monitoring maps

These indicators and monitoring maps support planning for teaching, learning, assessment and monitoring of literacy and numeracy across learning areas. They have been revised to align with the new curriculum (Guttmann); http://www.eqf.qld.edu.au/17929.html

PHOTO NEWS

Our first P&c meeting will be held on Tuesday 11 February. This will be held in the administrative staffroom at 6.30. All welcome.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The new school uniform is now available for purchase from the school. The Polo shirts are now available in the larger sizes, up to an XXXL. Other items available for purchase from the school.

Library

We are a proud member of the Library Association of Qld and subscribe to their Terms and Conditions. Any damage will be charged under the terms and conditions as per the School’s Library Policy.

Library borrowing will commence from Week 2. There will still be over 70 books outstanding from 2013. Please ensure these books are returned by the end of March. If you still have these to you, please talk to our Business Services Manager Mrs Kenzie Hamilton who will arrange a payment plan that suits your circumstances.

GUEST SPEAKER

Mr Henry Parker will be our guest speaker on the 11th February. Mr Parker is the author of a number of books and presents on a wide range of topics. This will be an interesting afternoon and everyone is invited.

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CHEERLEADING

All year 4/5/6 students are required to bring Mrs O in on the Performing Arts room this Thursday morning at 8.00 and Friday afternoon from 3.15pm to 4.00pm to commence cheerleading for 2014.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NOTES

Welcome to another year of instrumental learning. For 2014. Mrs Sleaf, the Woodwind, Brass and Percussion teacher will be at West for a half day each week (Tuesday 12:30pm to 3:00pm) and a full day each Wednesday.

Woodwind/Brass/Percussion – New Beginner students will start lessons in the new term (week 2). New beginner students will have multiple lessons across several days next week, and then one lesson per week from week 3 onwards.

Woodwind/Brass/Percussion – Continuing students will kick off the year on Tuesday 11 February with a Concert rehearsal at 3:30pm on Wednesday 5 February (week 2). Lessons however will not resume for continuing students until Wednesday 12 February (week 3) in accordance with the timetable posted in the window of the Performing Arts Centre. Lessons and Band Rehearsals for continuing students will commence from 12 February 2014.

Students who were notified last year that a school-owned instrument was available at no cost but have not returned them will be given an Instrument Loan Agreement Form this week. (All other students will need to pay for their own instrument). Completed loan agreement forms are to be returned to the school office as soon as possible. Invitations for the instrument hire will be issued from the school once the paperwork has been completed.

OSCSCHOOL’S SMARTPHONE APP

Queensland school communities can interact with their favourite state schools using the QSchools smartphone app. The QSchools app is designed to give parents easy access to up-to-the-minute information from and about schools. The app features are designed to integrate with the department’s school website to allow users to see, when news, events and happenings are updated on their selected school website.

Users can also see other useful information provided by the school, such as school rules, enrolment information, contact information, the school’s and the department’s social media. The school community can also receive emergency announcements such as natural disasters and school closures through the app.

The QSchools app is particularly useful to parents who have students in different schools or for the app to manage updates from multiple schools. More information is available on our school website.

T.W.C.H

We are working with the school to bring T.W.C.H to our students. Please contact the school office for further information.

WALLABYS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE SIGN-ON

We are having a 2nd sign on afternoon for Junior Rugby League this Thursday 6th February

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Thursday 6th February

Wallsleys Fields – Tranberg Street

Ages – U6’s – U16’s

Please bring birth certificate if you are a new player

DOLPHIN SEA SCOUTS – Sign-on Day

Saturday 8 February

10am to 2pm

Cow Track & Morgan Streets

For further information call Dingo on 0437834067 or email info@dolphinsea scouts.com.au

www.scoutsqld.com.au

Sign On Day

at Karella Scout Group

ADDRESS: 21 Yaralla St, Gladstone.

DATE: Saturday 8th Feb 2014

TIME: 11AM – 3PM

For more information contact the Group Leader Maree Offord

Email: scoutskareea@yahoo.com.au

www.scoutsqld.com.au

SCHOOL TELEPHONE NUMBER – 4979 7333

STUDENT ABSENCE LINE – 4979 7366

www.facebook.com/GladstoneWestStateSchool

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Any volunteers wanting to help out in the Tuckshop for 2014 are asked to contact our Tuckshop Convenor, Kay Castles on 49797317. HELP KEEPS THE TUCKSHOP to continue to open 5 days per week. Any help is appreciated.

Wednesday 6 February

Marie Oforo

HELP NEEDED

9.00am – 11.00am

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Thursday 6 February

Tammy Honour

HELP NEEDED

9.00am – 10.30am

9.00am – 2.00pm

Friday 7 February

Kelly Barb

Brianne Kyle

HELP NEEDED

9.00am – 12.00pm

9.00am – 2.00pm

Monday 10 February

Kim Barb

Darren Slape

9.00am – 11.00am

Tuesday 11 February

Shandra Khalu

HELP NEEDED

9.00am – 11.00am

Wednesday 12 February

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Marie Oforo

9.00am – 11.00am

We would appreciate if you do not send your student with tuckshop on their swimming days.

2014 TERM CALENDAR

4 February

- Year 3 Swimming Starts

- Year 4/5/6 NIP

- Year 5/6 swimming

- Year 3/4 Parent Info Night

5 February

- Prep – 2 Parent Info Night

- U11 & U12 Trials Rugby League

- School Photos

6 February

- SJHC Cup

- P/S Gala Night

7 March

- P/J Marsh Cup

17 March

- S/C Camp

21 March

- Book Fair

2 April

- School Cross Country

4 April

- Last day of Term 1

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Sister Photos are also available for students at the school, please go online to www.scoutsqld.com.au and select Sibling Photos.

STATE SCHOOL THROUGH THE GUIDANCE OFFICE.

Please contact the school...